

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 DAR ES 03642 242117Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----099902 242120Z /14

O 241702Z AUG 78

FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9618
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T DAR ES SALAAM 3642

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SW, TZ
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NYERERE'S REACTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK
ON ZAMBIA

1. IN CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT EVENING OF AUGUST 24,
PRESIDENT NYERERE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM PRESIDENT
KAUNDA ON THE TELEPHONE THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ATTACKED ZAMBIA.
FIRST REPORT WAS 12 KILLED AND 15 WOUNDED.

2. WHEN I EXPRESSED REGRET BUT LAMENTED ALSO THE RECENT SWAPO
ATTACK FROM ZAMBIA THAT HAD PRESUMABLY PROVOKED THE SOUTH
AFRICAN ACTION, NYERERE SAID HE AGREED THAT SWAPO HAD BEHAVED
BADLY. AT THIS POINT, NYERERE SAID, SWAPO SHOULD BE DOING
NOTHING MORE MILITARILY THAN REACTING AGAINST SPECIFIC
PROVOCATION.

3. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PRE-FORMAL CEASE-FIRE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 DAR ES 03642 242117Z

POLICY FOR BOTH SIDES, BUT I SUPPOSED SWAPO MIGHT CLAIM THAT
ITS ACTION WAS A RETALIATION FOR THE CASSINGA RAID. NYERERE
SAID THEY COULD AND THEY WOULD, BUT AT THIS STAGE THEY
SHOULDN'T. WHAT WE NEEDED WAS TO GET THE UN IN AND THE
TRANSITION UNDERWAY.

4. COMMENT: WHILE UNHAPPY AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID--AND

SPECIFICALLY THE POSITION IN WHICH IT PUT "POOR KEN"--NYERERE
DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT HE THOUGHT THE RAID INTO
ZAMBIA TREATENED OR SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DELAY FINALIZATION
OF A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT.
SPAIN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, INVASIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DARES03642
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780347-0477
Format: TEL
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780829/aaaaayci.tel
Line Count: 67
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a314a45c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1636585
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAMIBIA: NYERERE'S REACTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON ZAMBIA
TAGS: PORG, SW, TZ, WA, SF, ZA, (NYERERE, JULIUS K)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a314a45c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014